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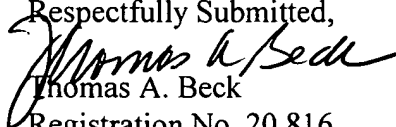
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the *Notice Of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional)* dated September 9, 2001, Applicants hereby declare that the signature of inventor Stephen M. Matyas was present on a declaration form that was submitted timely concurrently with the signature of Fernando Incertis Carro to the United States Patent Office. The undersigned has no knowledge why the declaration form containing Mr. Matyas's signature was not received by the Patent Office. A copy of the executed declaration that was submitted timely is enclosed herewith.

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